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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Elly Gerald Stoica
ViiA VALGE-ARCHER et al.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 1646
Appln. No.: 10/798,380	)	
	:	Customer No. 05514 (NEW)
Filed: March 12, 2004	)	
	:	Confirmation No. 6499
For: ANTIBODIES AGAINST HUMAN IL-21	)	
RECEPTOR AND USES THEREFOR	:	September 6, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT,  
SUBMISSION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY TO  
PROSECUTE APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE USPTO  
AND STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b),  
CHANGE IN CUSTOMER NUMBER AND ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER,  
AND  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2006 for one month from August 11, 2006 to September 11, 2006.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$ 120.00 to cover the fee for the extension  
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under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2006, Applicants elect without traverse to prosecute Invention I. Regarding the further restriction applied to several claims among those grouped as Invention I, as explained by Examiner Stoica on July 24, 2006, Applicants elect SEQ ID NOs. 65-67 (e.g., for claim 1); SEQ ID NOs. 68-70 (e.g., for claim 4); and SEQ ID NOs. 71-73 (e.g., for claim 5); as well as the corresponding nucleotide and amino acid sequences in other claims grouped as Invention I. Favorable consideration of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants reserve all rights to the subject matter recited in all nonelected claims and species.

SUBMISSION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY TO  
PROSECUTE APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE USPTO  
AND  
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicants submit herewith for filing in the above-identified application a SUBMISSION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY TO PROSECUTE APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE USPTO and a STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b).

CHANGE IN CUSTOMER NUMBER AND ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER

Applicants' undersigned attorney wishes to bring to the attention of the Office that (1) the Customer Number in the present application has been changed from "22852" to "05514" and (2) the Attorney Docket Number has been changed to "01997.043500."

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph P. Pieroni", is written over a horizontal line.

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